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Janet Norris Bangs

But gray, gray sands at evening,
  When haunting voices blow
Over twilight-faded water
  From trees of long ago,
Hushed by the drifting silence
  As by eternal snow.

O grass, flowers, trees unfruitful,
  Caught while your sun was high,
Buried deep in the sand-dune's keep,
  Is all of life gone by?
Can a springing bough lift your glory now
  And give it back to the sky?

Janet Norris Bangs

THE BIRCHES

Around the stretch of hemlock and pine and cedar,
Sport of the wind which flutters them up and down,
They stand in line, the luminous, slender birches—
A silver fringe for trimming the wood's green gown.

Antoinette DeCoursey Patterson